

CLAIMS:

1. A system (1) for monitoring a physiological condition of an individual, comprising sensing means (3) arranged to pick up a first signal (M) in a first mode of the system, said first signal being representative of said physiological condition and to forward said first signal to a signal processing unit (33), characterized in that said system comprises
5 an actuatable control unit (2) positioned remote from said signal processing unit, said control unit (2) being suitable to generate a second signal (T) arranged to be superimposed on the first signal (M), said signal processing unit (33, 37) being arranged to decode the second signal and to make the system enter into a second mode upon receipt of the second signal (T).
- 10 2. A system according to claim 1, characterized in that the control unit (2) comprises an electrode (68) to be arranged in contact with the individual's skin, said electrode being arranged to transmit the second signal (69).
3. A system according to claim 2, characterized in that the system further
15 comprises an RF-link arranged to establish a wireless communication to a remote base unit (4), the second signal (T) being a trigger signal for the RF-link to perform a predetermined operation.
4. A system according to claim 2, characterized in that the second signal (T)
20 comprises data to be processed by the signal processing unit (33, 37).
5. A system according to any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the second signal (T) has substantially the same bandwidth as the first signal (M), the
25 amplitude of the second signal being at least one order of magnitude smaller than the amplitude of the first signal.
6. A control unit (2) conceived to be suitable for a personal monitoring system (3), said personal monitoring system being arranged to pick-up a signal (M) representative of a physiological condition of an individual, characterized in that said control unit is arranged

to control the personal monitoring system (3) by means of a generation of a suitable trigger signal (T), and by superimposing said trigger signal (T) on the signal representative of the monitored physiological condition.

- 5 7. A control unit according to claim 6, characterized in that the control unit (2) comprises an electrode (68) to be arranged in a contact with the individual's skin, said electrode being arranged to transmit the trigger signal (69).
8. A control unit according to claim 6 or 7, characterized in that the control unit
- 10 (2) comprises a user interface arranged to operate said control unit in a manual mode.
9. A control unit according to Claim 8, characterized in that the control unit comprises an actuatable data input port and a display.